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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the subject application. Claim 3 is cancelled without prejudice. New claims 4-15 are added. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of the claims is provided.

1. (Original) A method for using a computer to facilitate both a purchase of at least one ticket to an event by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers and a sale of at least one ticket to an event by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers, comprising:

in the case of a purchase by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers:

obtaining a desired number of tickets and price zone from the buyer;

displaying to the buyer any offers to sell currently posted by potential sellers of the desired number of tickets in the desired price zone, the display including a selling price for the tickets and a first transaction fee corresponding to each offer to sell;

determining from the buyer whether the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to sell or to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, and

if the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently outstanding offers to sell, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the selling price and the first transaction fee corresponding to the accepted offer to sell, or

if the buyer wishes to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the specified buying price and the first transaction fee; and

in the case of a sale by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers:

obtaining the number of tickets and price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell;

displaying to the seller any offers to buy currently posted by potential buyers of the number of tickets in the price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell, the display including a specified selling price, a second transaction fee, and a courier pickup fee corresponding to each offer to buy; and

determining from the seller whether the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy or to post an offer to sell the tickets that the seller desires to sell at a price specified by the seller, and

if the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy, then charging a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, or

if the seller wishes to post an offer to sell the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, the preauthorized fee to be charged upon acceptance of the offer by one of the potential buyers,

so that in both cases the purchase and sale may be completed by charging the preauthorized charge to the buyer and crediting the amount so charged to the credit card of the seller less a second transaction fee.

2. (Original) A method for using a computer to facilitate both a purchase of at least one ticket to an event by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers and a sale of at least one ticket to an event by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers, comprising,
in the case of a purchase by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers:

obtaining a desired number of tickets and price zone from the buyer;

displaying to the buyer any offers to sell currently posted by potential sellers of the desired number of tickets in the desired price zone, the display including a selling price for the tickets corresponding to each offer to sell;

determining from the buyer whether the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to sell or to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, and

if the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently outstanding offers to sell, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the selling price corresponding to the accepted offer to sell, or

if the buyer wishes to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the specified buying price; and

in the case of a sale by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers:

obtaining the number of tickets and price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell;

displaying to the seller any offers to buy currently posted by potential buyers of the number of tickets in the price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell, the display including a specified selling price and a courier pickup fee corresponding to each offer to buy; and

determining from the seller whether the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy or to post an offer to sell the tickets that the seller desires to sell at a price specified by the seller, and

if the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy, then charging a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, or

if the seller wishes to post an offer to sell the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, the preauthorized fee to be charged upon acceptance of the offer by one of the potential buyers,

so that in both cases the purchase and sale may be completed by charging the preauthorized charge to the buyer and crediting the amount so charged to the credit card of the seller.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A method for selling one or more tickets previously purchased by a seller, said one or more tickets being associated with an entity, said method comprising the steps of:

making said one or more tickets available to one or more potential purchasers;

said step of making available including displaying a selling price for each of said one or more tickets;

accepting an offer to purchase said one or more tickets from said one or more purchasers;

charging a first transaction fee to a credit card of said purchaser associated with said accepted offer, wherein said first transaction fee is paid to the seller;

charging a second transaction fee to the credit card of said purchaser associated with said accepted offer, wherein said second transaction fee is paid to the entity.

5. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, further including the step making the purchased ticket available at a location associated with the entity for pickup by the purchaser associated with said accepted offer.

6. (New) The method as claimed in claim 5, further including the step of charging a courier pickup fee, said courier pickup fee being associated with the pickup and delivery of the purchased ticket to the location associated with the entity.

7. (New) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said courier pickup fee is charged to the seller.

8. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said location comprises a ticket office located at a venue for the entity.

9. (New) The method as claimed in claim 8, further including the step of validating the delivered ticket, and if valid contacting the purchaser for pickup.

10. (New) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said ticket office comprises a will call window to facilitate pickup of the ticket by the purchaser.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said one or more tickets comprise seasons tickets and said seller comprises a season tickets holder.

12. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said second transaction fee comprises revenue sharing with said entity, and wherein said entity comprises one of a professional sports team, an orchestra, an opera company, a ballet company or a theatre company.

13. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, further including the step of a potential purchaser providing an offer to buy a desired number of tickets and a price zone for said desired number of tickets.

14. (New) The method as claimed in claim 13, further including the step of a seller responding to the offer of said potential purchaser.

15. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said method is operated in conjunction with a website associated with the entity or its brand.